Memorandum

To: All NMCAL Member Libraries
From: Elizabeth A.Titus, NMCAL President
Subject: Informational Update 8/4/04

>>On Thursday, September 9, 2004 the NMCAL Executive Committee and NMCAL committee chairs will be having a planning meeting at NM Tech Joseph R. Skeen Library. I am currently working on putting the meeting agenda together. If there are any items any member library would like to have placed on the agenda, please email your suggestions to etitus@lib.nmsu.edu

>>The 2004 GO Bond Task Force met on July 29, 2004 and there was outstanding representation at the meeting for academic libraries. Topics covered at the meeting included the following:

1. If you have not already done so, anyone on the NMLA E-List needs to re-register. The list nmla@nmla-org replaced the previous list on June 1, 2004.

2. The language for the GO Bond bill and how it will appear on the ballot is completed. Bond C is the bond for supporting funding libraries.

3. Important voter/election dates. October 5th absentee balloting begins. October 16th early voting begins. November 2nd is Election Day. All academic libraries are encouraged to start educating their constituencies now about Bond C and its importance. Since a high percentage of voters do early voting or absentee voting, the message has to get out to the voting public in September.

4. Suggested local action item: Get locally known people in the community to do guest editorials or letters to the editor in support of Bond C and its value to the community.

>>The NMCAL Listserv is hosted by the University of New Mexico University Libraries. Please make sure that whoever is your official NMCAL representative is on this listserv. All communications to NMCAL members are done via the listserv.

>>As of August 3, 2004, New Mexico State University Libraries will be supporting the NMCAL Website on its server. Right now we are in the process of relocating the NMCAL website. We are also updating information and doing some redesign work. At a later date, we will be emailing member libraries and asking them to check to see if the information updates we have done for their libraries are correct. We will have some information gaps as well, such as who is on what committees to fill in. However, it's a start. Thanks for your patience as we make these changes!

>>Just a reminder to all NMCAL member libraries that this is a National Center for Education Statistics/ Academic Library Survey reporting year. Now is the time to start gathering your data which normally gets electronically reported out in October.